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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/695,976	Applicant(s) KIM ET AL.
	Examiner Nitin Patel	Art Unit 2673

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2000 .

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1,2,4,5,7-10 and 12-14 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 3,6 and 11 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____. 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1, 2, 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kanazawa et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,140,984).

As per claims 1, 7 Kanazawa shows a plasma display panel (in abstract):

A plurality of sustain electrodes and common electrodes formed between one by one with sustain electrodes and a dielectric layer formed on the substrate to deposit the sustain and common electrodes (In col.2 lines 53-67 and In Col.1 lines 18-40).

As per claim 2, Kanazawa shows common electrodes are commonly connected to a common node (In fig.5).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 4,5,8-10,12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanazawa et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,140,984).

As per claims 4,5 Kanazawa does not show a common electrodes are formed of AG and thickness between 10 to 30 micromillimeters. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention was made to have common electrodes on a MgO material as taught by Kanazawa (In Col.2 lines 65) and having a gap of 100 micromillimeters shown by Kanazawa to implement, so it would have improved electrode disposition is improved.

As per claims 8-10,12-14 Kanazawa does not teach common pulse is lower than a discharge start voltage of the plasma display panel and difference is 270V or below and on period is 1 microsecond or below. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention was made to allow the teaching of potential different (in Col.6 and 7) to ensure space charge from the cell to stabilized discharge in a display to obtain 270 volts or greater.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 3,6,11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reason for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art fails to teach or suggest common electrodes are formed of a three layered structure of Cr, Cu, and Cr sequentially deposited on the substrate as claimed in claim 3.

The prior art fails to teach or suggest black matrixes formed between the substrate and the common electrodes as claimed in claim 6.

The prior art fails to teach or suggest a maximum potential difference between the scan pulse and the address pulse is more than the discharge start voltage of the plasma display panel as claimed in claim 11.

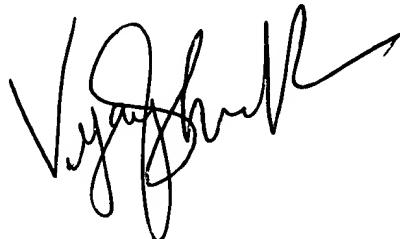
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nitin Patel whose telephone number is 703-308-7024. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin H Shalwala can be reached on 703-305-4938. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications and 703-308-9052 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-9618.

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May 30, 2002



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PRIMARY EXAMINER